

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation
which some of you at
the FCC have been
favoring.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Our
democracy has
constantly been
threatened over the
past three and a
half years, and this
is just one more
example. It's more
than disgusting and
the thinking
American public will
not stand by and
watch the continued
destruction of
democracy in favor
of greed and
manipulation of

elections. Thank
you.